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1. Purpose. To transmit change 1 to the basic instruction.
2. Action. Page 4, paragraph 6, first and second line sentence: change quarterly to semi-annual.


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Ref: (a) SECNAVINST 1730.7
(b) SECNAVINST 1730.8
(c) OPNAVINST 1730.1B
(d) U.S. Navy Regulations, 1990

1. Purpose. To implement the requirements of references (a) through (d), regarding religious ministries in the Navy, and to establish policy for the Naval Air Station Lemoore, Command Religious Program.

2. Cancellation. NASLEMINST 1730.3A

3. Background. Reference (c) outlines provisions for religious ministries within the Navy in order to meet the spiritual needs of and maintain the religious rights of its personnel, and places upon the leadership of the naval service responsibility to ensure that divine services are conducted. The Navy has always recognized this obligation to make possible the practice of religion and to ensure that personnel within the naval service are not deprived of opportunities for the free exercise of religion.

4. Policy. It is the policy of Naval Air Station Lemoore to provide for the free exercise of religion by all personnel assigned to this command, tenant activities and their dependents. The Command Religious Program will be supported and managed as an integral part of planning, programming, and budgeting activities.

5. Action

a. The Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Lemoore, is responsible for:

(1) Ensuring the free exercise of religion by all personnel and dependents of this command and its tenant commands unless there is a military requirement prohibiting this practice. Such requirements may be determined from higher authority directives.

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(2) Complying with the provisions of Article 1063 of reference (d), which designates chaplains as noncombatants under the Geneva Convention of 12 August 1949.

(3) Complying with Article 0820 of reference (d), which requires Commanding Officers to "Use all proper means to foster high morale, and to develop and strengthen the moral and spiritual well-being of the personnel under his or her command and ensure that chaplains are provided the necessary logistic support for carrying out the Command's Religious Program."

(4) Complying with Article 0817 of reference (d) regarding the conduct of divine services.

(a) The Sabbath shall be observed on Sunday, except by members of the naval service whose religious convictions require them to observe some day other than Sunday as their day of worship. Those whose day is other than Sunday are entitled to respect for their religious convictions and practices. Except by reason of necessity, personnel who celebrate the Sabbath on a day other than Sunday will be afforded the opportunity to observe the requirements of their religious principles. Where excused from duty on a day other than Sunday, the workweek of such individuals should not be less than that of any other individual and may include work on Sunday. Determination of necessity rests entirely with the Commanding Officer.

(b) Consistent with the exigencies of the service and the member's leave balance, the Commanding Officer will favorably consider leave applications for those service members who may desire to observe significant holy days of their faith with their families.

(5) Supporting the Command Religious Program, including its personnel, funding and logistics, is an essential element of the command's total operation. These matters will be managed as an integral part of the command's planning, programming, and budgeting activities as governed by existing directives.

b. The Command Chaplain shall:

(1) Be assigned as a department head.

(2) Be responsible for the productive and efficient operation of the Chaplains Department, and for administering, supervising, and facilitating religious ministries and chaplains'

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activities throughout the command. This includes the professional supervision of chaplains, enlisted personnel, civilian personnel, and reserve chaplains assigned to this command.

(3) Advise the Commanding Officer on all matters related to religious ministries within the command.

(4) Establish and submit Planned Ministry Objectives (PMO) for religious ministries throughout the command.

(5) Develop plans, programs and budgets to execute religious ministries within the command.

(6) Exercise appropriate management of Religious Offerings Fund (ROF).

(7) Coordinate the ministries of all assigned chaplains with respect to religious faith and functional diversity in professional qualifications to meet the needs of personnel.

(8) Facilitate the continued training and professional development of all personnel within the Command Religious Program.

(9) Prepare and submit, via the Commanding Officer, the Chaplain Quarterly Report (CINCPACFLT 1730/1 (11/92)).

c. Chaplains assigned to this command shall:

(1) Be responsible to the Commanding Officer, Naval Air Station Lemoore and to the Command Chaplain.

(2) Be responsible for the performance of duties unique to their specific work assignments, which may also involve additional responsibilities to the Commanding Officer/Officers in Charge of tenant commands.

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(3) Provide relevant and responsible sacramental, liturgical and pastoral ministries to constituents under the provisions of references (a) and (b).

(4) Perform collateral duties that are supportive of the chaplain's religious ministry and consistent with the performance of his primary duty. Casualty Assistance Calls Officer (CACO) is a line function which should not normally be assigned to a chaplain but should utilize the ministerial, counseling and associated skills of the chaplain in a supportive role.

d. Chapel Advisory Councils are authorized, as desired. The purpose of each council is to advise and assist chaplains in planning to meet the religious needs of their respective faith group.

6. Forms and Reports. The Chaplain Quarterly Report (CINCPACFLT 1730/1 (11/92)) is filed on a quarterly basis to Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, via the Commanding Officer.


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